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1. WITHDRAWAL ROK CHARGE - ROK CHARGE HONG CALLED ON US AMB AFTERNOON JUNE 20 AND ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE FOR FOLLOWING MORNING. HE WOULD NOT BE LED INTO CONFIRMING WITHDRAWAL. HOWEVER, EMB ASCERTAINED RESIDENCE LEASE, LOCAL SECRETARIAL ASST AND SERVANTS HAD BEEN RELEASED. WE ALSO BELIEVE HONG MADE NO OTHER FAREWELL CALLS. WITHDRAWAL OCCURS SHORTLY BEFORE RWANDAN NATIONAL DAY JULY 5 WHICH WILL FEATURE MASSED CALISTHENICS PRESIDED OVER BY DPRK INSTRUCTORS, RECENT DPRK ANNOUNCEMENT AID PROJECTS AND ARRIVAL LARGE GROUP DPRK VISITORS FROM KAMPALA AND POSSIBLY PYONGYANG. ROK CHARGE HONG SILENTLY FOLDED HIS TENT AND STOLE AWAY.

2. 30TH UNGA - AS NOTED REFTTEL A, ASST SECY DAVIS RAISED KOREAN ISSUE WITH PRES HABYARIMANA ON JUNE 26. PRES RESPONSE ON NEED AVOID "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE" REFLECTS GOR VIEWS WHICH HAVE LED PROGRESSIVELY FROM ABSTENTION IN 28TH UNGA TO SPONSORSHIP HOSTILE RESOLUTION LAST YEAR. IN JUNE 6 AMB-FONMIN CONVERSATION, FONMIN ADMITTED
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IMPACT KOREAN PROBLEM ON JAPAN/KOREA STABILITY AND PEACE.

HOWEVER, GOR VIEW ON NON-AFRICAN FOREIGN RELATIONS IS THAT "FRIENDSHIP" BASED ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND ROK RELATIONS THUS "STERILE". EMB ASSUMES ROK CHARGE WITHDRAWAL ALSO MEANS ROK REVIEW AID POSSIBILITIES WAS NEGATIVE.

3. COMMENT: IF ROK HAD MADE POSITIVE AID DECISION AND CHARGE HAD REMAINED (AND BEEN OF HIGHER CALIBER), EMB BELIEVES A CHANCE MIGHT HAVE EXISTED TO HAVE GOR ABSTAIN NEXT YEAR, BUT THERE NO DOUBT DPRK HAS MATTER SEWED UP FOR 30TH UNGA. SUGGEST ROK (KIM TONG-HWI) BE INFORMED OUR HIGH-LEVEL EFFORTS AND REGRETS. FRITTS

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